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JDH student Phoebe Stamp is quick off the block as she races against Ava Loney and Nasime Wiso from SBES at a five-school elementary track and field meet at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School May 25. See page 20 for more. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

OPP detonate explosives at AH cottage

By Lisa Gervais

Cottagers on Comak Crescent in Algonquin Highlands had what would have been an ordinarily quiet summer weekend disrupted as OPP, on May 25, detonated explosives found inside a summer home.

The weekend began when paramedics were called to a cottage just south of the Frost

Centre late Friday afternoon. Sources told *The Highlander* Ornge air ambulance was summoned to Haliburton hospital to take a patient who had injured his hand in an explosion at the cottage.

OPP on site May 25 confirmed, “there was an individual who was injured in the area of the property where we’re standing

now.” They would not elaborate. However, an OPP media release issued May 27 said police were called to assist fire and EMS at 5:04 p.m. “after an individual received an injury from a homemade explosive device.” They said the man was taken to hospital for serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Sources said after responding to the call,

firefighters kept a distance while OPP were called. Algonquin Highlands Station 80 was summoned to secure the scene. The paper was told the OPP bomb squad was then contacted and four surrounding properties evacuated. *The Highlander* was informed the situation escalated to a full bomb threat and

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OPP and firefighters at the scene of a bomb scare this past Saturday night. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Blasts 'shook the whole cottage'

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OPP planned to explode the devices on-site Saturday. Monday's OPP media release said, "as the investigation continued, neighbours were evacuated and the OPP Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) attended, recovering and securing additional explosive substances and devices from the residence."

In a follow-up email from *The Highlander* for clarification, OPP confirmed, "EDU technicians located explosive substances and devices and disposed of by rendering safe techniques. In addition, materials were seized for further analysis by the Centre of Forensic Science."

The site was cleared Sunday with OPP adding, "there are no explosive substances or devices remaining at the location that would pose a threat to public safety."

A neighbour, who asked not to be named, said two blasts on Saturday "shook the whole cottage." A plume of smoke could be seen over the area from Hwy. 35.

The neighbour said she and another neighbour had just gotten back from town Friday night when a fire pickup truck arrived, followed by a second one, about 5 p.m.

"Things sort of progressed and we saw the caution tape up the road. And then a bigger fire truck came. My friend next door heard the word evacuation." The woman said they walked up the road to try to see what was going on and first

responders yelled at them to stay away.

She added emergency services came again Saturday morning, stopped vehicular traffic around 10 or 10:30 a.m., and the bomb squad arrived. She said a neighbour was informed about a "redneck bomb."

She said, "we just stayed vigilant. Paid attention." She added police asked cottagers Friday night if they had an association so they could get word out that vehicles would not be allowed down the road Saturday.

The neighbour said it was an "exciting and interesting" weekend, but in hindsight scary. "He never seemed like a threat to anybody around here. I would not know him to see him," the cottager said.

OPP said they had arrested and charged Kevin Brown, 36, of Mississauga, with making or possessing explosives for an unlawful purpose and breach of recognizance.

The release added, "the investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to call Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122, or submit tips anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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Petition launched to redo Wonderland Road

By Mike Baker

After months of dealing with dust clouds and loose gravel that has damaged property at their Wonderland Road home, Haliburton residents John and Sharon Sinclair have reached the end of their tether.

The couple appeared before Dysart council May 28, armed with a petition signed by 45 neighbours, calling on the township to revisit roadworks completed in the area last fall.

"The road is a mess, it's deteriorating as we speak – there's still lots of potholes, loose gravel," Mr. Sinclair said. "I took three wheelbarrows full of gravel out of my ditch a few weeks ago [that had been dumped there] by snowplows over the winter – that's municipal land, but we try to keep it looking nice.

"When workers brushed the road recently to take the sand off, they also took a lot of gravel and filled the ditch again. That's not very fair," he added.

Sinclair said he contacted Dysart's roads department earlier this year to ask what could be done. He noted vehicles travelling down Wonderland Road will usually send gravel flying 15 feet up his driveway.

"Many people on this road own fine automobiles that are now subject to possible stone chips to the car's paint and windshields," he said.

Sinclair added many of his neighbours have stopped walking their dog along the road due to the loose gravel.

In the petition, Sinclair is calling for Dysart to redo the road surface using materials that will create a smooth and dust-free surface; lay down an environmentally-safe dust inhibitor to eliminate health hazards

and property damage until work can be completed; and remove a pile of surplus gravel and garbage that has been left near the entrance to Autumn Lane.

Township responds

Public works director, Rob Camelon, said staff have been working on a solution. While there have been calls for Dysart to repave the road, Camelon said it has never been paved.

"Wonderland Road was originally resurfaced in 2015 using a class two double surface treatment – the same aggregate that is in place today. It... takes on the look of a hard surfaced road as traffic travels over it," Camelon said, adding the road was treated with a slurry seal topping in 2018, which smoothed the surface. He noted the township hasn't used slurry seal on its roads for six years.

"It's very weather-dependent and we found on more than one occasion our work was not completed in time before the weather window closed [in] mid-to-late fall," he said.

Camelon said he does expect the situation to improve.

"It's common for stone to become loose after resurfacing – it happens to all the roads we resurface every year. It's simply a part of the process," Camelon said. "The road has been swept in response to the loose stone, which is also a routine operation for our department."

Councillors Barry Boice, Pat Casey, and Nancy Wood-Roberts say they have all driven the road recently and admitted it could use some work. Boice said the issue is like one experienced on Haliburton Lake last year.



Wonderland Road residents John and Sharon Sinclair have launched a petition calling on Dysart township to rectify dust issues along the road. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

"The dust would choke you; it was terrible. It's relieved itself now, but the first summer was really bad," Boice said.

Deputy mayor Walt McKechnie asked if a slurry seal could be installed now to rectify the issue – Camelon said it could, and the township could re-evaluate the type of aggregate it's using to resurface roads, but that costs would go up between 40 and 50 per cent. He said that would severely limit the number of roads staff could fix year to year.

He added that, if council were to direct staff to push through a quick fix for Wonderland Road there would likely be similar requests from other residents.

"My concern is we are setting the bar [if] we go back and resurface this one particular road, because you are going to have concerns [from people] on Curry Drive [which we just resurfaced] as well," Camelon said.

McKechnie said it was important that council "get ahead of this situation," indicating he'd like to see the work done. Casey said if the class two aggregate is causing more problems than it's solving, council may need to make a change – even if it means cutting back on the number of roads it fixes each year.

Camelon will return to a future meeting with some recommendations.

Province spends \$375,000 on new digs at Silent Lake

The Ontario government announced this week it plans to invest \$375,000 building three new yurts in Silent Lake Provincial Park.

MPP Laurie Scott said the spend would increase the capacity for overnight camping experiences at the park. She believes it will also provide a boost for local tourism.

"Silent Lake Provincial Park is a cherished part of our community. This

funding will help maintain it as a vibrant destination for both residents and visitors," Scott said. "This investment and new infrastructure will enhance the park's facilities, ensuring visitors can continue to enjoy its natural beauty and recreational opportunities for years to come."

Located in Bancroft, the park features more than 19 kilometres of hiking trails and 17 kilometres of mountain biking

trails. In the winter, it boasts more than 34 kilometres of groomed cross-country ski trails.

With this investment, the province has spent just over \$914,000 improving infrastructure at the park since 2018.

Scott said building new and revitalizing existing accommodations was a key ask by stakeholders in a 2021 survey.

"Park visitors said they would be more

likely to visit in the future if more roofed accommodations were available," she said.

The yurts – portable round tents covered and insulated with canvas – will be available for people to rent by June 13.

For more information, visit ontarioparks.ca/park/silentlake. *(Mike Baker).*

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'True example of outstanding newspaper'

Scoops seven awards

By Lisa Gervais

The *Highlander* has again been named the best community newspaper in Ontario in its circulation size.

The paper beat out finalists *Niagara-on-the-Lake*, *the Lake Report*, and *Niagara-on-the-Lake Local* in the 6,500 to 12,499 circulation category.

The judges said *The Highlander*, "is a true example of an outstanding newspaper. A pleasure to read, it clearly deserved the top marks this year. It fits the definition of what a community newspaper should be pretty much to the letter."

"It is visually appealing, with effective use of colour, and draws the reader in. The layout and design, quality of writing and photography and the level of community news was fantastic to see. It was also the strongest newspaper for sports coverage. We really liked the 'people' and 'junior highlanders' categories. Congratulations to the newsroom for producing a wonderful read with lively, well-written stories, fresh visuals, and excellent design."

Editor Lisa Gervais won the Environment Ontario award, from among 25 entries. It was for her first-hand account of being on patrol with the Turtle Guardians. The judges said "great piece. It was a pleasure to read." Gervais shared the nod with Tania Moher, who laid the piece out.

The paper took first and second in best online experience. The first was for the County election podcast What are we doing? The second was for a mini-documentary on Dorset forest firefighting.

The judges said the podcast "was the most comprehensive and absolutely provided the best online experience. The print grid augmented by podcasts are an incredible way to reach new audiences. The issues and



The *Highlander* was recognized at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association awards. *File*.

candidates are clearly laid out in the print product with sidebars sending the readers to a series of podcasts on hot taxpayer topics."

The paper was also judged the best of 24 entries in the arts and entertainment category for a story written by former reporter Sam Gillett on CanoeFM radio bingo. The judges said it was "a most enjoyable read. Great photo and a lively story."

The Highlander was awarded third place of 17 entries for best editorial page/section.

The judges note while only one topic was represented in the section submitted, it was an important one – the closure of the Minden ER. "It was thoroughly explored in several letters and opinion pieces. The clean layout makes everything easy to read."

Gervais grabbed a third in the health and wellness category as well, for a piece on Audrey's Aquatic Therapy, with the judges saying it was "good storytelling."

Publisher Heather Kennedy said the

independently-owned local paper has always punched above its weight in competition with larger publications.

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Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2024, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law to the schedules noted below:

- Schedule A Classes of Permits and Fees for Building
- Schedule G Cemetery
- Schedule H Community Services Programs & Facilities
- Schedule L Local Community Insurance Services
- Schedule F Planning Department Fees

The proposed changes to the noted schedules will be posted on the Township website www.mindenhills.ca. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2024.

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MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

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- Connection and Response, an exhibit by conceptual artist Bruce Cull, will be on display until June 8 in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM. Admission is by donation. For more info: <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2024-04-04-1000-Connection-and-Response-An-Exhibit-by-Bruce-Cull>
- The Knitting Village provides free knitting lessons for children ages 11-14. The next classes take place on June 4, 11 and 18 from 3:30-4:30 pm at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. All materials are supplied. For more information: culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.
- Join us for the final PA Day Movie of the school year! We will be presenting Minions (2015) at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Friday, June 7 at 1:00 PM. This is a free family friendly movie event co-hosted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Haliburton County Public Library. Snacks will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own.

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- June 13 – Regular Council Meeting
- June 27 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.



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County strikes incinerator working group

By Lisa Gervais

County council will establish a staff working group to look into the possibility of incinerating garbage in the Highlands – and report back to council in September.

The move came after County councillors dismissed the idea of one-tier waste management services delivery at its May 22 meeting.

Instead, they opted for the four townships to keep working together.

CAO Gary Dyke pointed out how Coun. Walt McKechnie had asked whether alternative waste management solutions were considered by the consultant. He said it had not been part of their work. However, he said staff could look into it if directed by council.

“I think there’s merit in looking at alternative methodologies,” he said. “Keeping up to date with modern technologies, as opposed to just burying all of our garbage in the ground.” He noted there are incinerators in Ontario as well as European models.

Warden Liz Danielsen said, “I think you’ve heard some encouraging words over the last few meetings urging council to look at incineration. I would welcome staff doing some advance research.”

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said she’d like staff input from the lower-tier before going to a consultant, as “there is a wealth of information out there and staff have been doing a whole lot of this thinking already.”

Danielsen and Dyke indicated it would be an internal look. Dyke called it a “white paper” with alternatives for Haliburton County.

Coun. Cec Ryall said a council decision to investigate incineration would be “controversial.”

“There’s going to be a lot of discussion about it. A fact-finding mission is the right thing to do to get the rules of how it works, the actual challenges and advantages clearly defined before we start getting the emails on the pros and cons of what people think of it.”

McKechnie said he was “passionate about another alternative to our landfill site issue.”

He said he had been working on the incineration file behind the scenes and, “there are definitely some things that have really improved with regard to the product that is out there.”

He added landfill sites are being closed, forcing waste to be trucked on highways to alternate sites. However, he foresees that ending, with high costs of trucking and recipients no longer wanting to accept garbage.

“I think there is going to come a time here really soon where we are going to have to start being responsible for our own garbage. The only way you do that is the model that, especially Sweden and Norway, have been following for the past 50 years.”

He said there is a company in Norway that builds incinerators for Singapore that are capable of getting rid of between 15 tons to



Coun. Walt McKechnie has long lobbied for incineration. *File.*

two million tons of garbage.

He said the biggest question is environmental pollution “and I am 100 per cent against that.”

“I think there is an opportunity here for

somebody to be the pioneer in rural Ontario. We need to start thinking about another alternative here really soon.”

EMERGENCY SERVICES NEWS

OPP charge man with careless use of firearm

Haliburton Highlands OPP has laid charges in relation to a weapons report at a residence in Highlands East May 25.

They said they received a suspicious report, involving weapons at a residence on Madill Road, about 7:28 p.m. this past Saturday.

Madill Road at Glamor Lake Road was closed for several hours while members of the OPP Emergency Response Team, Tactical Response Unit, and Canine Unit

assisted with the investigation.

Police said an accused was taken into custody without incident or injury, and police seized nine rifles and two handguns.

As a result of the investigation, a 65-year-old of Highlands East has been charged with: careless use of firearm, weapon; prohibited device or ammunition and careless storage of firearm, weapon; prohibited device or ammunition.

The accused is due to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on July 3.

“The Haliburton Highlands OPP wish to thank community members for their

patience and cooperation during the investigation,” they said May 27.

Lightning strike causes house fire

Algonquin Highlands fire chief, Michael French, said his department and Minden Hills responded to a house fire caused by a lightning strike May 22.

“We had approximately 30 firefighters and we there just over 12 hours,” he said of their response to the call to 1572 Little Hawk Road.

French added they had an issue with

“adverse conditions” due to weather, including lightning and tornado warnings. “At one time, we had to pull back because of the weather conditions.”

He said the fire had been investigated and was attributed to the lightning storm, with it declared a large loss fire, of over \$1 million in damages.

“There was such an intense storm ongoing all evening. It was terrible.”

French said fire departments in the County are trialing a duo-response in the case of structure fires.

(Emergency services news compiled by Lisa Gervais).



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County coun. Bob Carter is still hopeful of a Minden-Haliburton shuttle one day. *File.*

Costs stall transit between Minden and Hali

By Lisa Gervais

County coun. Bob Carter's wish for a bus between Minden and Haliburton has stalled – with the lone bidder for the job pitching a yearly cost of \$685,344 on top of start-up costs of \$45,000 and the County paying for gas.

Director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, delivered the bad news to council at its May 22 meeting.

On Sept. 27 last year, Carter called for a request for proposals for a two-year pilot project. In December, staff outlined a draft for the service. The project was put out to tender in March, closing in April. Staff received a single, qualified response from BTS Network, a company with service in southern Ontario, including the Region of Peel, Niagara Transit Commission, and Fort Erie.

Ovell said their pitch was for a fixed route service with two vehicles operating in opposing directions, hourly, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week, excluding holidays. The firm identified six stops in each community and approximate pick-up

and drop-off times.

Multiple vehicle options were given, with staff identifying an eight-passenger van with wheelchair access as their preferred choice.

BTS Network also provided alternate transit options, including a fixed route but with booked online stops, and a full on-demand service in the towns, but staff did not consider these options.

"Given the cost of the proposed transit service is significantly higher than the funds currently available in the transit reserve, staff are not recommending that council proceed with this project at this time," Ovell said.

The County has \$182,601.52 in its transit reserve. Gas tax funding is not available in first years of operations. Ovell said in year two, they could get up to \$68,523 from the province. Year three could see up to \$126,020.

"Staff are proposing to continue to gather information related to possible transit solutions and share them with council when available," he added.

Carter said, "I cannot begin to express how disappointed I am in this, and for a number of different reasons.

"We've kicked this around for years and done little or nothing about it," he said. Carter added he believes previous attempts failed as they were "idealistic" offering "everything for everybody."

He said his request was for a "bare bones starting point. Get something started and see if we can make it grow. The idea was not to run a service that also included wheelchair access and all of the extras." For example, he was envisioning one bus, not two. He said the extras had driven up the cost and there was no accounting for ridership fees.

He urged council to strike a committee "to look at how to make this happen."

CAO Gary Dyke said he appreciated Carter's comments and frustrations but "transit in rural areas is hard." He added the RFP was approved by council and based on his experience he was not surprised at the cost.

He favoured a committee but said they should not dismiss the rideshare idea. "Other small, rural municipalities have invested in the rideshare program to great effect." He cited Prince Edward County as an example. He didn't think a single bus would work, and

suggested accessibility was important for the area's aging demographic and potential ridership. He said council has to establish a clear mandate before proceeding.

Carter said, "this is something that we incredibly need in this area. But I think we need to start right at the basics."

Warden Liz Danielsen took exception to Carter commenting nothing had been done for years.

"There have been working groups established, there have been studies. We have funded small trials in efforts to try and see how this would work," she said. She agreed to a working group, saying she could not accept a nearly \$700,000 annual spend for a service for two of four townships.

Coun. Cec Ryall has sat on past transportation working groups and said, "the bad news is, every time something came out of it, it was too expensive." He urged council to use information already gathered "so we have a place to start from as opposed to let's go and reinvent the whole thing."

Council voted to strike a transit working group and will discuss the matter again on June 12.

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Conference aims to change thinking around dementia

By Mike Baker

McMaster University professor Sharon Kaasalainen has dedicated her life to researching ways to improve the quality of care for residents of Canadian long-term care homes, particularly those living with dementia.

The Minden resident will share her thoughts on a “broken system” in Ontario, which she feels places more emphasis on limiting liability than encouraging LTC residents to live fulfilled lives, at a Rural Living and Dementia Care conference coming to Pinestone Resort June 3.

The event, co-hosted by McMaster and Aging Together as Community Haliburton Highlands (ATAC), will feature some of the world’s brightest minds when it comes to caring for the elderly. Kaasalainen believes some of the guests may present answers to one of the country’s most concerning, and longest standing issues.

“We really struggle with the limitations around long-term care in Canada. There are heavy regulations that doesn’t really support a lot of innovation. The focus tends to be not so much on quality of living, just living,” Kaasalainen said.

The university professor said she has spent 30 years researching the issue. Recently, she turned her attentions overseas to see what was working elsewhere.

She and seven other researchers traveled to the Netherlands in June 2023, where they got a crash course on green care farms.

An alternative living arrangement for people with dementia, the facilities typically have a smaller number of residents – between six and eight – who live together in a homelike environment. Support staff are not only responsible for personal and medical care, but also organizing activities. The most important thing, Kaasalainen said is allowing residents to preserve a sense of autonomy and identity.

Dr. Judith Meijers, an associate professor at Maastricht University in the Netherlands, is one of the world’s leading voices promoting

the benefits of the green care farm model. She will be at the Pinestone Monday to share her experiences.

Also there will be Dr. Irene Hartigan, an Irish researcher who works at University College Cork. She will present on the benefits of integrating animal and nature-based relationships into something she calls the namaste care model.

“Namaste care is all about making meaningful moments for people – looking at their past interests, things they like to do, and engage with them so they can have a more sensory experience and be in the moment. It’s about living right up until the moment you die,” Hartigan said.

She said the concept is working in pockets across Europe, but there are examples of it in Canada too – including here in Haliburton County.

Hartigan visited Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding in Minden last week, where owner Jennifer Semach welcomed individuals from Hyland Crest long-term care home for equine-based programming.

“The energy around the place was incredible – the residents all looked very happy. But I know that kind of experience is much different to the norm,” Hartigan said.

Other speakers include Dr. Sandy Shamon, a University of Toronto lecturer and assistant clinical professor at McMaster, who will talk about how to break down the barriers for improved dementia care; Dr. Anthea Innes, a McMaster professor who will discuss challenges and opportunities around rural dementia care; Dr. Karen Thompson, a Trent University professor, talking about how something as simple as regularly tending to a vegetable garden can help people living with dementia; and Dr. Elizabeth Russell, associate professor of psychology at Trent, who will provide an update on the university’s rural aging research program.

Haliburton Highlands Health services CEO Veronica Nelson will also be speaking on the theme of “where do we go from here?”

The conference runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Irene Hartigan and Sharon Kaasalainen are two of the featured speakers. *Submitted.*

and is free to attend.

Kaasalainen said she hopes it will help spark conversations around much-needed changes to the system.

“We’ve grown accustomed to locking people away in long-term care homes when they present with issues like dementia, but it doesn’t have to be that way... funding is an issue, but our biggest challenge is changing the way we think,” she said.

“The number of people living with dementia has almost doubled over the past 20 years. We need to find ways where we can care for people and provide them with a quality of life... instead of simply discarding them and leaving them to die in long-term care,” she added.

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Last chance project a win

Some sources say more than 10 million tons of furniture waste (F-waste) ends up in landfills annually in Canada and the United States.

This F-waste can contain plastics, glass, textiles and other material. Because it is often bulky and non-biodegradable, it can take up substantial space in landfills. It can also create long-term environmental problems.

And let's now forget that greenhouse gas emissions are a byproduct of logging wood for furniture manufacturing, releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Furniture that decomposes in landfills could also produce methane, another greenhouse gas.

Recent studies have also found that people purchased a lot of cheap furniture during COVID, and that is now beginning to clog our landfills.

What can you do?

You might start by purchasing better quality furniture that is made more sustainably.

And, of course, when that furniture ends its life with you, why not donate it to community organizations?

One of them is SIRCH.

The SIRCH warehouse in Haliburton accepts furniture. It used to be that the

staff at the receiving door would determine whether the item was in good enough shape to be put up for auction, or onto the floor for resale.

Sometimes pieces were rejected, leaving the owner with no choice but to bring the item to the landfill. That could be expensive for the person dropping the item off, costly in terms of taking up space in the landfill, and environmentally-onerous as the materials broke down at the dump.

So, it is exciting to learn about SIRCH's 'last chance project'. As written about in today's *Highlander*, SIRCH has employed Kevin Dunlop at the warehouse as part of the new project.

Now, when someone brings in a piece of furniture, the receiving team can get Kevin to determine whether the piece is salvageable. If it is, he works on the item from a trailer in front of the warehouse. From this mobile work station, he is saving furniture from going to the dump, and allowing it to be put up for resale, in turn benefitting SIRCH and its many programs.

He may not be able to save every piece, but he has a pretty good track record to date.

In addition to fixing the furniture, Kevin is

happy to discuss the projects he is working on with the public.

He is eager to share tips of the trade.

He is hoping to have a look at the furniture at their homes, and see if it can be fixed, before being donated to charity, or indeed, whether it can be repaired and stay at home.

This program is a lovely complement to SIRCH's ongoing repair café. At the cafes, volunteer fixers repair all manner of items, not just furniture.

The next one is June 2. Incidentally, they are always on the look-out for volunteer repairers.

The Thrift Warehouse has diverted more than 75,000-cubic-feet of materials from going to landfills already in 2024. In 2023, it diverted 111,000 cubic feet.

Thanks to the 'last chance project' those numbers will only continue to climb.

It's a win-win.



By Lisa Gervais

The power of journalism

By Lillie Qiu

Hello Haliburton County. I'm your *Highlander* reporter for the summer.

I'm very excited to be here in the Highlands. I am very happy to introduce myself in this column. I am passionate about storytelling and journalism - breaking the news - and communications.

I believe in the power of journalism to tell great stories, keep power to account, and feature unique things one's never heard of. I am going into my final year of the journalism program at Toronto Metropolitan University in the fall; I'm going to be doing an internship in the winter semester of 2025 and will be taking courses like video production and reporting on race.

I came up to Haliburton County for the summer because I'm interested in community reporting, and building relationships with people in the community. I like that Haliburton County has a small-town feel to it, and that people know one another and talk to each other. It's a world of difference away from Oakville and the Greater Toronto Area,

but it's a positive change and a change I'm welcoming. I'm interested in arts stories, and was ecstatic to hear that Haliburton has a vibrant arts scene.

I'm really looking forward to my time here in the Highlands. I've been to Algonquin Provincial Park for camping in August and again last year, when I came to see the fall colours in the park and stayed in Huntsville. I've been living in Oakville for the past 16 years and consider myself to have grown up there.

I used to play piano growing up. I did the Royal Conservatory of Music program and completed Grade 9, along with the accompanying Grade 3 Harmony and History component, with honours. I wrote briefly for the engineering school newspaper, in the form of a monthly column. I covered tips and tricks for university, and what to do during reading week, among other topics. I also like to cover human interest stories and write feature stories as well. Before coming to *The Highlander*, I read up on the newspaper and liked the profiles of people living in the community. I plan to write more about

these and arts and community reporting during my summer here.

Although I'm dipping my toes into community reporting and wading in the waters of it this summer, my long-term goal is to work for a big daily newspaper, like *The Toronto Star*. This may change, as I continue working at *The Highlander*; I may find I like community reporting so much and want to stick with it. I'm a big believer in living alone as a way of gaining new skills and experiences and am looking forward to trying out some new restaurants with my family in the area and cooking for myself.

If you would like to reach me this summer, my email address is reporter@thehighlander.ca. If you have any tips, questions, or would like to e-introduce yourself, email me. I may just feature your idea or story tip.



By Lillie Qiu



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LETTERS

Unacceptable shortage of docs

Dear editor,

I am writing regarding the letter last week from David Atkins of Haliburton regarding an apparent period of at least four hours when there was no doctor in the Dysart et al emergency department.

I find the response from HHHS to be rather unsatisfactory and in fact aloof.

However, I am not privy to the question that was asked, other than to assume that they were given the opportunity to comment specifically on Mr. Atkins letter, so perhaps I am expecting too much from those that have been contracted to provide safe and accessible healthcare to all of Haliburton County and the surrounding municipalities.

I recall that HHHS indicated there would now be three, 12-hour shifts per day in the emergency department, two during the day and one overnight, providing 36 hours of doctor coverage.

The emergency department doctors that previously worked in Minden indicated they

did not feel Haliburton County could safely be serviced by a single operating emergency department.

So, here are the general questions that I have regarding this matter for HHHS.

1. Is there always a doctor in the emergency department?
2. Is there a requirement that the doctor on duty be awake?
3. What are the requirements under the contract with the Ontario Ministry of Health with regards to doctor coverage?
4. How many times has the emergency department been put on redirect for any reason in the past year?
5. How many times has, for how many hours, and when in the past year, was a doctor not available, if any?

I remain unsatisfied that HHHS has apparently traded a fully operational emergency department in Minden that provided 168 hours of coverage per week for a CT scanner that may be available for 40 hours a week, providing there is an available doctor to request the scan.

Richard Bradley
Moore Falls

Ridiculous and unfair tax

Dear editor,

Earlier this month, Lisa Gervais criticized Dysart et al for passing a two per cent Municipal Accommodation Tax for short-term rentals. Rather than doing so, Ms. Gervais should've done her homework before lambasting a local municipality that understands the need for balance in the face of blatant greed and unrealistic financial gains.

My partner and I now reside full-time in Highlands East and are thrilled to introduce our lovely region to visitors from across the province, country and around the world. But here's the thing that Ms. Gervais, Steve Ovell of the County, and many other local councillors have gotten horribly wrong.

While STRs can offer rentals 52 weeks/year, the occupancy rate that's been sold to naïve councils is well below what the travelling roadshow proponents have predicted. At our peak, which is through July and August, we may get to a 20 per cent occupancy rate, not the 65-70 per cent Ovell reported. What that means is while Ovell and

the authors of this 'cash grab' are rubbing their hands together in glee, expecting a windfall for local municipalities, they'll learn quickly that the numbers bandied about will never add up.

The fact Dysart et al chose to keep it at two per cent shows a willingness to be fair to STR operators as well as tourists to our area. STRs provide 66 per cent of the available accommodations here and the added tax will scare off tourism for other locales that charge less MAT or none at all.

Here's another little tidbit that got lost in translation; the MAT is discriminatory, applied only to STRs, not cottage rental companies, B&Bs, hotels or motels. If the County wants equality, apply the MAT to those 'businesses' too.

Greed should not be the sole driver of this ridiculous and unfair tax.

Elizabeth Oakley
Highlands East

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

'Hali' truly is the place to be

By Susan Tromanhauser

Vikki Tripp didn't always appreciate Haliburton. It took leaving the village, and then returning, to have a perspective that 'Hali' truly is the place to be.

Tripp was born in Haliburton 29 years ago when there was still a maternity ward in the local hospital. Raised in Haliburton, she attended elementary and high school in the village. Tripp left at the age of 24 to follow a career in hair design. After training in Oshawa, she moved to Lindsay to ply her new trade. Lindsay was close to home, but still had an urban feel Tripp was looking for.

Living in Lindsay, struggling to enjoy what she thought was going to be her new profession, Tripp left hairstyling and tried different jobs. Then she developed mental health concerns. She was diagnosed with bi-polar, but suitable treatment was difficult to find. The mental health professional in Lindsay wanted to work in partnership with her family doctor, who was in Haliburton. Because the two professionals were operating out of different communities Tripp found it

difficult to coordinate their support to meet her needs.

And then Tripp's grandmother was diagnosed with dementia and could no longer live alone.

Tripp moved back to Haliburton and in with her grandmother. It gave Tripp a new purpose to be a caregiver for her grandmother. It was being part of the family working together to support her grandmother that Tripp had an 'aha' moment. She realized there's no place like home.

In her absence, her family had grown. Tripp's brother married, so she gained a sister-in-law, and two children soon followed. Tripp is very much enjoying the role of aunt to a two-year-old nephew with "a big personality," as well as a two-month old niece.

The move back to Haliburton allowed Tripp to get the consistent medical treatment she required and she says she is doing great. Tripp has pivoted to a career serving at Castle Antiques. She gushes as she describes how much she enjoys working with the

customers and her co-workers. Even her boss "is the best." She serves coffee and uses her creativity by making displays in the store. She has learned about antiques and is looking forward to learning how to make soaps and candles.

While her grandmother passed away in January, Tripp is still living in her grandmother's home. She is taking care of the house until a decision is made by her parents for next steps. As a young adult, she realizes the difficulty in finding appropriate accommodation in Haliburton. While appreciative of her family support at the moment, she is unsure what her housing future holds.

For now, Tripp is satisfied with the peaceful village of Haliburton she calls home again. She loves her job, being close to her family, and the support of her community. "I didn't appreciate the little things until I went away and came back"



Vikki Tripp makes coffee.

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Revs Your Heart

Furniture getting last chance at SIRCH

By Lisa Gervais

Kevin Dunlop stands outside a portable shed in front of the Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton, working on a cedar chest. He bends over a table doing marquetry – a decorative inlay of a canoe reflected in water. People might know Dunlop from his days on the Studio Tour, when he was known as the Marquetryman.

As he works on the chest, he says he’s been in the Highlands since 1981.

“My wife’s more local than I am,” he says with a grin that shows laugh lines around his mouth and eyes. “I’d never get that kind of credential.”

SIRCH has hired Dunlop for a new pilot, ‘last chance project.’ Marketing manager, Laurie McCaig, said for the next few months, the warehouse will be accepting wooden furniture that would normally be turned away, and end up in the landfill.

“We’ll determine whether it’s worth it to improve it and sell it by repairing, restoring, refinishing, repurposing or upcycling,” McCaig said.

Dunlop tells the story of the chest. It came in with loose veneer on the top, as it had been water damaged. It was rejected at the receiving door. They called Dunlop over for a second opinion. He was hesitant, recognizing it would be a big job. However, he said staff challenged him, “and I decided to take on the project.”

He scraped the bad veneer off the lid, made the marquetry panel, sanded it, put a new

finish on it. It took about three days, but the time was an anomaly. “For the most part, the pieces I’ve been able to save have been under two hours of work,” he says. He added he spends a great deal of time in conversation with people while he works, educating them on how, they too, can fix furniture destined for the landfill.

“We’re not only trying to rescue the furniture, but we’re trying to stimulate peoples’ imaginations, so they can now go into the thrift store, look at something that’s not quite ready for main street, and can imagine what they might be able to do with it. They can pick my brain and get some ideas on technique.”

Dunlop said he’s “loving it.” McCaig added Dunlop is the man for the job. “He has a fantastic reputation in the area. That friendly face gets it every time, but his wealth of knowledge of woodworking, with him having a studio tour booth for many years, he was just the perfect fit. We were happy to bring him onboard.”

McCaig said he’ll be there until October. “We’re just trying to divert as much as possible from landfill, and we’re trying to teach, that’s what we’re all about. Someone might see a piece like that and say ‘oh, I don’t know’ and just toss it. Instead of tossing it, either bring it here and donate it, help the community, or take on the project yourself, because maybe Kevin can give you an easy solution for a problem. That’s what the program is all about.”

Dunlop said the public is enjoying the program as well.

“Half the people already are quite interested. They’ve been talking about

“I’ve been responsible for cutting down some trees, now it feels kinda’ good to be making sure that the one’s with good bones are not going to the dump.”
Kevin Dunlop



Kevin Dunlop works on an inlay for an old cedar chest. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

things they’ve brought back to life. I’ve been inviting them to bring before-and-after pictures. I’d like to put up a bulletin board with peoples’ projects. And, people are really picking my brain for techniques.” He adds, “at this point in my life, it feels good. In my career as a furniture maker, I’ve been responsible for cutting down

some trees, now it feels kinda’ good to be making sure that the one’s with good bones are not going to the dump. For me, it’s a process. It’s been a nice headspace when I’m doing the work. Once it’s done, that’s just a byproduct.” The Thrift Warehouse is at 128 Mallard Rd. in Haliburton.

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Pharmacy an extension of a calm household

By Lisa Gervais

A familiar face from Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton will soon be opening her own pharmacy in the Beer Store plaza.

Lauren Wilson, who comes from hearty entrepreneurial stock, is planning to launch Haliburton Village Pharmasave in July.

With contractors, and help from family and friends, Wilson is now transforming the former Cordell storefront to her new place of business.

Touring the work in progress, Wilson points out where the dispensary will be at the back, a clinic room for vaccinations, another for counselling, and an expansive gift shop, as well as accessible washroom and room for staff.

Wilson said she's heard people question the need for another pharmacy in Haliburton and replies, "we do need more independently-owned pharmacies, essentially built on roots in the community, and somebody that is going to stay here long-term, that's the factor that sets me apart."

Her dad is Paul Wilson, her grandfather started Haliburton Lumber. There are lots of entrepreneurs in the family, including sister Hilary Ramsay who does interiors, and brother Jeff, a realtor.

Lauren was born and raised in Haliburton, left for the University of Guelph, and then the University of Toronto for eight years, coming back in 2005. It was about that time that Todd's Independent Grocer opened its doors. Wilson "stepped essentially into a

brand-new pharmacy."

She'd been there nearly 20 years, a full-time job that suited her as she raised four children. As the two sets of twins, now 11 and 14, become a bit more independent, it was time for a change. Her husband runs Greenscapes Haliburton.

Lauren said becoming a business owner was "several years in the making. I did my first 20 years as an employee. I'm going to do the next half of my career as a business owner and the children are old enough now that I don't have to be home all the time."

For now, there is a makeshift desk in her living-room. She has watched the seasons change. She said time flies by when planning this venture. It's "exhilarating. I'm really excited about where things are going."

Lauren said that post-COVID, she found her central nervous system was overstimulated in her place of work. She wants to create an atmosphere that is more nurturing for herself and patients. She is creating what she calls "somewhat of an extension of my own home, a calm, serene, place. I can choose my music, lighting, colours, the smell. I'm going to spend a lot of time there so I want to make sure it's some place I'm entirely comfortable."

She already has a wholesale account with Living Libations. She wants to feature local vendors in the gift shop, as well as Canadian-made products. She'll look to host healthcare professionals, such as foot care for diabetics, hearing tests, and perhaps offer a space for telemedicine.



Lauren Wilson in the space becoming Haliburton Village Pharmasave. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

"I feel like a lot of my patients are going to continue to trust me with their healthcare needs, as they have for two decades, and my level of service and the personal connection I have with these patients. The support has been overwhelming on my social media.

"I really do love being a pharmacist, I just needed to change my environment."

Haliburton Village Pharmasave will be at

25 Hops Dr. and open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and closed Sunday.

Contact via info@haliburtonvillagepharmacy.com, @haliburtonvillagepharmacy (Instagram), and Haliburton Village Pharmacy on Facebook.

New era at Wilberforce Service Centre

By Mike Baker

When Todd and Lindsay Watling were looking to escape the city in 2018, they turned their attention to Wilberforce - hoping it could be the place to lay down roots and create the best life for their young daughters, Bristol and Teaha.

Six years later and the pair say it's mission accomplished. Their girls are thriving, whether it be at school or afterwards, when helping at the family-owned Wilberforce Service Centre.

The Watlings bought the property shortly after relocating to the area. Then, it was a gas station and mechanic shop, but the family has been hard at work over the past 18 months renovating the space into a convenience store.

A grand opening will be held June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We knew we wanted to do something more with this space - we dreamed big," Lindsay said. "When we bought it, the place was pretty run down. It needed a lot of love, but I'm really proud of the work we've been able to do. Now, we want to invite the community to come and check it out."

Having quit his job with Miller Group to facilitate the move, Todd started working on cars and doing odd jobs to earn money. He bought an auto shop in Harcourt, moving the repair-side of the Wilberforce business there. He set out renovating the old service

centre in April 2023.

The building was completely gutted, Todd said. He tore down the front-facing wall, removing the garage doors, and redid all the electricals and plumbing. New flooring has been installed, walls painted, and store fixtures fitted - including freezers carrying Muskoka Quality Meats and M&M Food Market products.

New MacEwen gas pumps have been installed, while the pair have also added a new sheltered space for bottle returns, upgrading from the sea can that was previously used.

Lindsay said the response from the public has been overwhelmingly positive.

"It's been a couple of weeks now since everything has been done - it's beyond what I envisioned. People who come in cannot believe the transformation," Lindsay said. "I had a guy in here the other day who said 'last time I was here, I stood right there [behind the counter] watching someone fix my car. We've heard a lot of fun, interesting stories."

The Watlings say they've always had a soft spot for the Highlands, having cottaged in the area for decades. Becoming full-time residents is "one of the best things we've ever done," Lindsay said.

The store, at 2246 Loop Rd., is open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. - closing an hour earlier on Sundays.

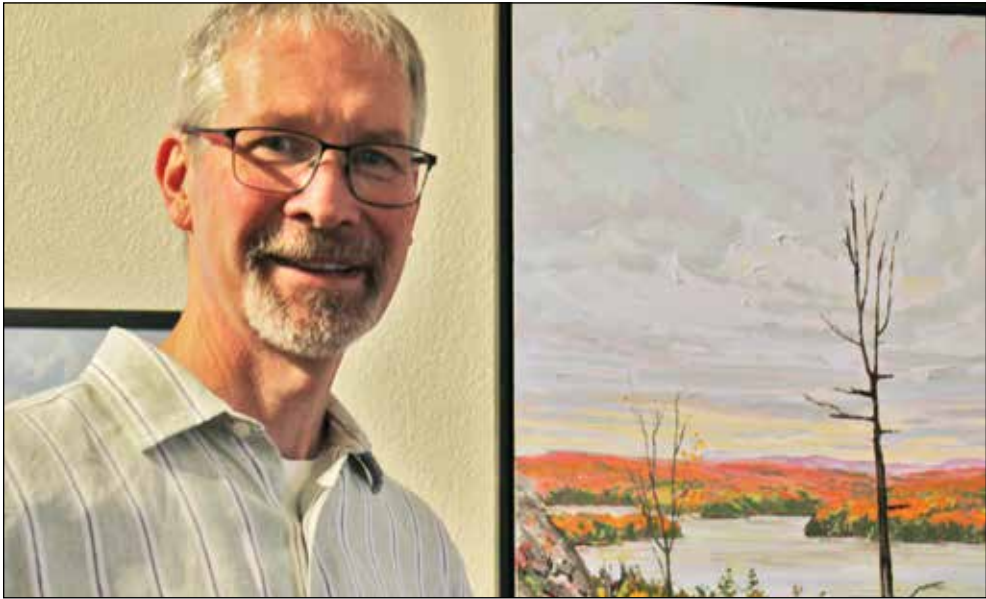
Lindsay said this weekend's grand



The Watling family - mom Lindsay, dad Todd, and children Bristol and Teaha, are the faces behind the remodeled Wilberforce Service Centre. Photo by Mike Baker.

reopening will be a community celebration. "We're going to have a free BBQ, kids can get a free slushie, our MP Jamie Schmale will be here. It's going to be a lot of fun,"

Lindsay said. "People have been stopping in over the past few months, checking on the progress - this is our way of showing off everything we've been able to do."



Left: James Brown smiles while standing in front of one of his paintings at the art show. Right: Sophie Creelman is pleased to have her work hanging in the gallery. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*

‘Revision’ changing landscape at Corner Gallery

By Lillie Qiu

The ‘Revision’ art show drew a record crowd to Corner Gallery, according to gallery co-owner, Simon Payn.

David Partridge, the curator of the gallery, welcomed 100 to 120 guests May 25 to enjoy a display of artists’ paintings and other artwork, ranging from Haliburton native Sophie Creelman to James Brown, an oil painter specializing in plein air paintings.

Partridge said ‘Revision’ represents how an “overhaul” was needed after the Ethel Curry Gallery closed last fall. Since then, Corner Gallery has become an “important” place to keep arts and culture alive in Haliburton,

Partridge said.

The curator added the gallery will be keeping the same show hanging for ‘a year’ with occasional artist swaps. Additional artists will come in on a monthly basis and take the place of artists already hanging in the gallery.

According to Partridge, the goal for the gallery is to make sure people know it’s there. “I’ve only lived here for four years, in Haliburton, but I live about five minutes away, and I didn’t know Corner Gallery existed. My goal is to make sure we have a good enough show, good enough presence and community drive that people know it’s here.”

As people sipped drinks and enjoyed hors d’oeuvres, artists engaged in conversation with attendees on their artwork and answered questions. Spouses of artists were there to support their significant others.

Creelman likes to draw on inspiration for her pieces from memory and various landscapes. As a contemporary painter, her works are connected to nature and architecture and scream mystery. “I try to keep it as ambiguous as possible to allow the viewer to connect with the art piece however they want to, rather than dictating what they’re supposed to see,” Creelman said.

Brown’s work evokes cheerfulness and follows different scenic landscapes and

lookout points across Ontario and Canada.

Brown cites Algonquin Park, the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park and Ritchie Falls as places of inspiration for his work. Each image or work of art has a story to it and corresponds to how Brown felt while painting it. “For example, if I felt really happy, or really excited about something, that might be a summer sky, clouds moving back and forth, beautiful scenery. But if it’s a broken branch, maybe I’m not feeling so positive that day. And I will represent that in the painting.”

The gallery is located at 123 Maple Ave. in Haliburton on the lower level. Its website is cornergallery.ca.



Orchestra hits the high notes

The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion hosted an orchestra concert in the auditorium May 25. The Highlands Chamber Orchestra performed to an almost sold-out crowd. The repertoire consisted of a range of pieces, from contemporary John Williams ‘Star Wars’ to classical Igor Stravinsky’s ‘The Rite of Spring’. The theme for the night was ‘Metamorphosis,’ and during a break, Dan Manley, the conductor, asked the audience for examples of metamorphosis from one of the well-known pieces.

Above: A cellist looks at her sheet music while playing. Right: Conductor Dan Manley speaks to the audience in between a performance. Manley gave some brief history of the next piece, and told a story to the audience. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*



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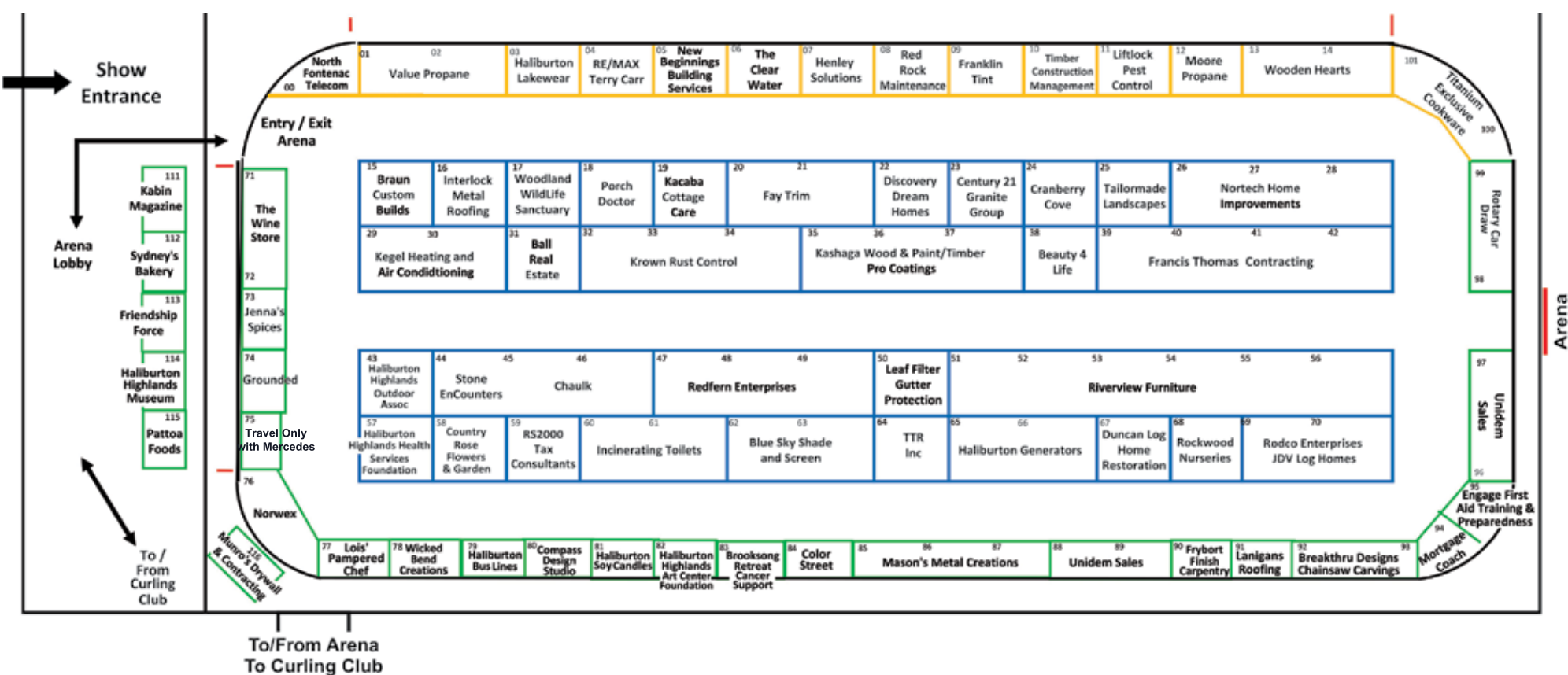


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David Alexander Risk is a prolific landscape and nature painter, with pieces in private collections across the globe – including at Buckingham Palace in London, England. Here, he poses beside his piece *Campfire Traditions*, which he painted and donated to Haliburton Highlands Health Services in 2000. The painting sits in the Haliburton hospital's board room. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

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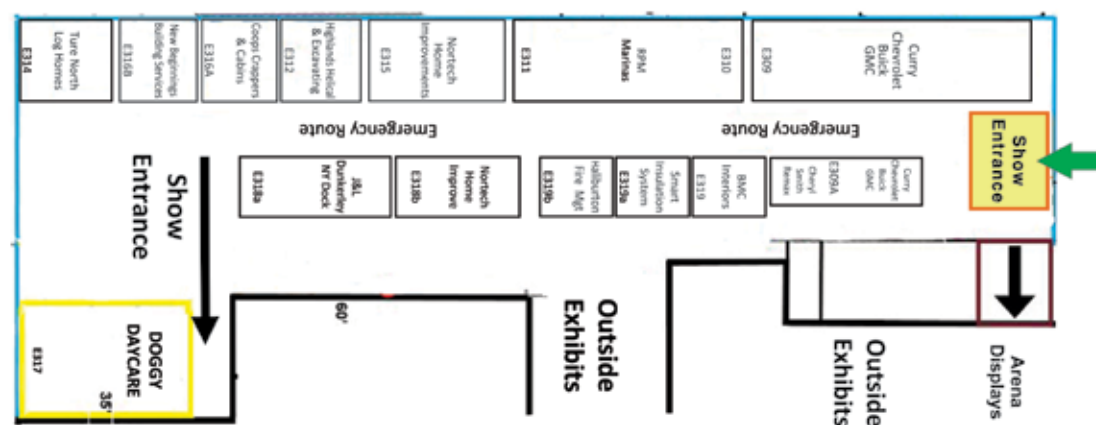
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The sports field at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was a hive of activity May 25 as students from Archie Stouffer, Stuart Baker, J.D. Hodgson, Cardiff, and Wilberforce elementary schools came together for an inter-school track and field meet. Organizer, Lisa Phillips, said 390 athletes competed in a series of activities including broad jump, ball throw, long jump, triple jump, and shot put. There were several running events, ranging in distance from 50-metres to 1,500-metres. All athletes competed for points, with individual winners for each age group earning medals.

Above left: Addy Davidson, representing Archie Stouffer, gives it her all in the ball toss competition. Middle top: Eve Merritt, running for SBES, puts some distance between herself and fellow competitors Peyton Alberio (SBES) and Aurora Hamilton (ASES). Middle bottom: Zach Prentice, a student from ASES, got some serious hang time in the long jump contest. Above right: JDH student Fia Scuhr takes to the air for the triple jump competition. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

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Sport celebrated at Hall of Fame ceremony

By Mike Baker

“Haliburton doesn’t just play sports; it lives and breathes them,” student athlete Avery Degeer told a packed house at A.J. LaRue Arena May 25, as the community came together to celebrate the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024.

Hundreds attended the event recognizing six athletes, four community builders, one historic team, and a non-profit organization.

Hall chair Roger Trull said the concept came together in 2019 after Scotty LaRue – one of this year’s inductees – proposed having a place to honour Highlands’ sporting heroes.

“The world has changed a great deal over the last five years, but the goal of the Hall of Fame has remained the same: to recognize excellence in sport,” Trull said.

The inaugural class was unveiled in 2022 with 17 entries.

Track star Kate Campbell – the only Haliburton Highlands Secondary School athlete to win gold at OFSAA reserved special praise for coaches Tim Davies, Walter Tose, and Paul Morissette.

“The experiences and lessons learned in competitive sports training within a supportive community have been immense. Experiences I have carried as I followed my career in the arts,” said Campbell, a producer, writer, and director.

LaRue turned heads as a young hockey player in Haliburton. At 13, he moved to

Kitchener to play at a higher level. It paid off with LaRue scouted by the Montreal Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings.

He didn’t sign a professional NHL contract and opted to play junior hockey with the Whitby Dunlops – sharing the ice with Bobby Orr. LaRue later played professionally in Europe.

“I’m feeling kind of overwhelmed – when I was working on the concept for the Hall of Fame, I hoped it would take off. Seeing all the people inside the arena, the people who traveled from far away to be here, that tells me people want this,” LaRue said. “It’s all about encouraging and pushing that next generation.”

Mark Robinson returned to Haliburton from rural Virginia. The footballer remembered what it was like as a teenager at HHSS in the 80s.

“There was this aura around football, to the point where you were just dying to play,” Robinson said. “I remember the very first tackle I made after making the team. I was in Grade 9, just a little guy. So, of course, I got knocked out cold and sent to the hospital. But that wasn’t nearly enough to put me off.”

Robinson played four years at Queen’s University, where he won a Vanier Cup in 1992. He was inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame in 2010.

Brothers Greg and Colin Newell credited their baseball careers, which saw the pair play for several amateur and semi-professional teams across North America,



The championship-winning 1974 HHSS Redmen were inducted into the teams category.

Photo by Mike Baker.

to their parents Gene and Gala, who transformed their backyard into a Field of Dreams-inspired ball diamond.

“It’s exciting that we get to share this together,” Colin said.

Greg added, “Our parents are gone now, but they would have been so proud of this. We have all those nights, all those hours on the field of dreams to thank. We’d be out there every night with dad as soon as he came home from work.”

The late Gary Vesey was a star player, and leading scorer, on the Minden Monarchs team that won three straight Eastern Ontario Championships between 1956 and 1958. He

was inducted by his daughters.

Gary Brohman, Jane Heyes, Ken Rosenberg, and the late Mark Schell Sr. were inducted as community builders. Brohman, a long-time football coach, said he was honoured to be inducted alongside the 1974 HHSS Redmen, who went into the teams category, recognized for winning the COSSA Single A championship.

The Haliburton County Red Wolves received an outstanding achievement award for contributions to sport, while local youngsters Owen Nicholls, Cheyenne Degeer, and Evan Backus earned Rising Star awards.



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Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Haliburton
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her side, at the age of 84.

Beloved wife of Carmen Lee (2021). Loving mother
of Joan (John) Stethem, Carol Lee, Joe (Aileen), James (Lorraine).
Loving grandma of Robert (Melissa), Richard (Madie), Carmen (Matt),
Connor (Makenna), Shannon, Mathias, Isaac and great grandma of
Amelia, Elsie and Lennox. Dear sister of Darol (Beth), Elois Somerville,
Sharon (Bob) Barnhart, Russell (Doreen), Zelda (Murray) Cooper and
predeceased by Barrie. Lovingly remembered by her nephew Barry and
Kyna Rowbotham and also by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral
Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 on
Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to
Celebrate Dolores's Life at 1:00 pm. Interment to follow at the Essonville
Cemetery. Refreshments to follow at Stoney Lonesome.

Memorial Donations to Extendicare Proud Pioneers
(cheque only), the Parkinson's Society or to a charity
of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



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The family of the late Beno
Luna would like to express
our thanks to many wonderful
people.



Thank you to the Paramedics, Ambulance Attendants and
the Medical Team at the Haliburton Hospital.

Also, thanks to Miles Maughan and Les Pockett for their
kindness and support. We are profoundly grateful to our
neighbours and friends for their prayers, cards, flowers,
visits, phone calls, food and donations to St. Anthony.

We would like to thank Father for the Mass and Graveside
service and thanks to all who attended the visitation and
funeral mass.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to Dwain
and Lori Lloyd and Corely of the Haliburton Community
Funeral Home for their compassion,
kindness and support with the
funeral arrangements and for
providing a great lunch.

We thank you all
so very much.
Maria and Flora Luna



IN MEMORIAM



NEVER NOT REMEMBER YOU!

We know you're up in
heaven with the angels,
Right where you belong.
We will cry cause it's over,
But smile because we had
you for so long.
Thanks for all the memories
and the pictures on our
phone,
They don't fill the empty but
we feel less alone.

'Cause you were one of us and left a legacy of love
We miss you everyday and know you are watching
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HELP WANTED**Summer Employment Opportunities**

The Municipality of Highlands East is currently recruiting students for summer employment opportunities for the 2024 year.

If you are currently enrolled in secondary school or a post-secondary program and returning to school in the fall of 2024, you are encouraged to apply for an opportunity.

The following positions are available with the municipality:

- (1) Summer Parks & Recreation Attendant (Parks & Property Department – 35 hours/week)
- (2) Summer Landfill Attendants (Public Works Department – 35 hours/week)
- (1) Lifeguard (Summer Swim Program – 8 weeks)

Please note, for positions where you may be required to drive in the execution of your duties, a Class G2 or G Driver's Licence is mandatory. You will also be required to provide an acceptable driver's abstract and a criminal reference check.

The positions listed above are available from June through to the end of August.

If you are interested in receiving a more detailed job description for one of the positions noted above, please email Katelyn at kpatterson@highlandseast.ca requesting a copy of the specific posting.

If you are interested in applying, applications **clearly marked with the position you are applying for** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Monday, June 3rd, 2024, via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, in confidence to:

Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
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Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: bmccaw@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

Applicant information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to determine qualifications for employment with the Municipality of Highlands East. Questions about this collection should be directed to Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer.



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to the attention of **Sonja Marx – Human Resources Manager at hr@dysartetal.ca**.

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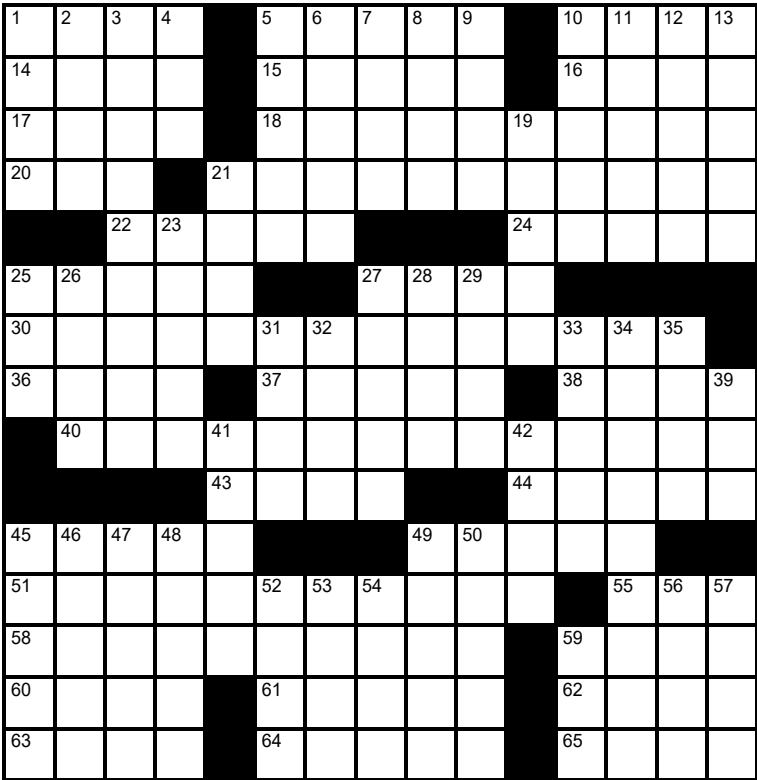
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- Across
- 1 ___-Strauss jeans
 - 5 Outspoken?
 - 10 Young man of Manchester
 - 14 "Hansel and Gretel" hot spot
 - 15 Hawaiian singer of "Tiny Bubbles"
 - 16 "___ real nowhere man" (Beatles lyric)
 - 17 Voices, as grievances
 - 18 One of four on Québec's flag
 - 20 Simple tent cover
 - 21 Classroom favourite
 - 22 Transit fees
 - 24 Second-in-commands: Abbr.
 - 25 Harden with use
 - 27 Restrain with "bracelets"
 - 30 Spirit inhabiting Aladdin's lamp
 - 36 Catches some rays
 - 37 Copier ink
 - 38 "And so on," when tripled
 - 40 Body language showing suspicion or surprise
 - 43 Orpheus's strings
 - 44 Musical conclusions
 - 45 Peru's ___ Picchu
 - 49 Bell Centre or Rogers Place
 - 51 Fizzes
 - 55 Group with alley-oops: Abbr.
 - 58 Turnpike payment sites
 - 59 Oolong and chai
 - 60 Inspired rage
 - 61 Nunavut people
 - 62 Jamaican tangelo
 - 63 Will be, in a Doris Day song
 - 64 Says "I'll be there," say
 - 65 Joyful cry found phonetically in the first syllables of 21-, 30-, 40 and 51-Across

- Down
- 1 Laze around
 - 2 Apt adjective in "devil"
 - 3 "That's hilarious," sarcastically
 - 4 Connections to bigshots
 - 5 Classified cost

- 6 Germany's Oscars
- 7 Twenty fins
- 8 "Ain't happenin'"
- 9 Notes before mi
- 10 "Through the Looking Glass" game
- 11 Gives a hand
- 12 So far
- 13 Some are checkered
- 19 Chilly air in a room
- 21 Twitter site?
- 23 Get ___ out of (provoke anger)
- 25 For-instances: Abbr.
- 26 What's new in Nürnberg?
- 27 "___ talk?" (Joan Rivers question)
- 28 Excessively, in slang
- 29 Not ___ second (never)
- 31 Modest reply to "You're the best!"
- 32 Queen of Jordan
- 33 Ian & Sylvia's surname
- 34 Bombed bigtime
- 35 Krabappel of "The Simpsons"
- 39 U.S. heads of justice
- 41 Brief bio
- 42 Tries to reduce swelling
- 45 Louis Riel's people
- 46 Prior to, in poetry
- 47 Argonaut or Alouette
- 48 ___ grudge (didn't forgive)
- 49 ___ off the old block
- 50 Breathtaking times for a flautist?
- 52 To see: Fr.
- 53 Long time stretches
- 54 R-W link
- 56 Island paradise near Java
- 57 "Yeah, right!"
- 59 Palindromic king



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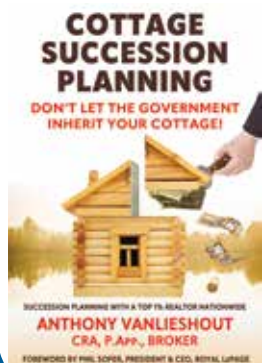
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